

MINUTES SOMERS RURAL FIRE DISTRICT OCTOBER 11, 2022

ATTENDEES: Dave Hayes, Chelsey Spence, Rick Kinkel, Cardi Chmielewski, and Beth Dotson

STAFF ATTENDEES: Tom Havens

VISITORS:

ABSENT: Dan Vachal

Meeting called to order at 6:07 pm by Dave Hayes.

Chelsey Spence motioned to approve the minutes for the September 13, 2022 Board Meeting. Rick Kinkel seconded, and motion carried.

Rick Kinkel motioned to approve October 11, 2022 bills for 7202 in the amount of \$5,857.10. Chelsey Spence seconded, and motion carried.

Cardi Chmielewski motioned to approve October 11, 2022 bills for 7265 in the amount of \$3,483.34. Chelsey Spence seconded, and motion carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Bill Payment/WEX – WEX detail and invoice will be forwarded via email to Board and Fire Chief for approval as soon as they are received. This will allow payment to be made by due date. Formal approval will be included with the bills to be approved at the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting.

Credit Card – Bill Brass is the only one that can make changes to the credit cards as they are both in his name. Will attempt to contact Bill to make necessary changes.

Donation – Received payment from DNRC for the Elmo Fire. Rick Kinkel motioned to put money in a fund account to be used to pay volunteers at the end of the year. Chelsey Spence seconded, and motion carried.

Pump Testing Certificates – received the annual pump testing certificates. They were given to Fire Chief.

OLD BUSINESS

Land Purchase – still waiting for one signature.

School Christmas Bazaar – school wants to use the old fire house for their Christmas bazaar. As the sale will take some time to complete, Board approved the request with the condition that they be done by the end of December 2022.

Old Hall – met with realtor to determine what needs to be done to get Hall ready for sale. He recommended leaving building as is. Realtor also provided a comparable market analysis.

Audit – was done on October 5. Should receive final report this week. Will try to do audit every 3 or 4 years instead of each year.

Irrigation System – tabled till spring.

Laser Lights – on order.

Boiler Certification – RT Kienas talked with Brad Peterson, Columbia Falls Fire Chief. He will provide certification services.

Copier - looking at purchasing a new copier.

Road to Training Site – contractor completed a new road to training site as a donation to the District. It needs to be a little wider to accommodate turning trucks around. Will find out price for two more loads of fill.

NEW BUSINESS

Death and Dismemberment Insurance – purchased through Compass in the past. Paynewest has provided a quote for the upcoming year. Will contact Compass for an estimate so a comparison can be made.

EMT Reimbursement – QRU provides reimbursement for training costs.

Miscellaneous

Two trucks need new sirens. Sirens are \$261 each. Rick Kinkel motioned to purchase two (2) sirens. Cardi Chmielewski seconded, and motion carried.

FIRE CHIEF'S UPDATE

Calls - 193 calls to date for 2022.

Harvest Dinner – is scheduled for November 5.

Miscellaneous – Rick Kinkel motioned to pay secretary additional \$10 per hour for work on audit. Chelsey Spence seconded, and motion carried.

Rick Kinkel motioned to adjourn meeting at 7:12. Chelsey Spence seconded, and motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by

Beth Dotson
SRFD Secretary